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Hurry! Last Chance To Reserve Your Place At Our Hibernation Party!!! Saturday, January 23rd!

We had such a great time at the Dearborn Hills Golf Club two years ago that we're going back again. And once again you have no excuses, no conflicts with hunting season or office parties or family Christmas parties, because once again it's in January!

This is our dress up event of the year. Time to leave that "T" shirt with the MG logo at home, put on your Sunday, go to meeting best, and have fun.

We'll have a delicious sit down dinner with your choice of beef, fish or chicken, prizes, awards and our elections.

It'll take place at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course at Telegraph and Michigan Ave., See map.

We have to let the Country Club know how many are attending and what dinners they want by Jan 13, 1999 so mail in your order from soon.

Fill out the order form, indicate which dinners you want and mail it to Ed Fleming, 8905 Napier Rd., Northville MI 48167 or Roli Sylvestre, 3493 Church St. Windsor, ON N9E 1V6. Cost is only $15.00 (U.S.) or $24.00 (Canadian).

Map and reservation form on page 4

What: W-DMGC Hibernation Party, Awards, Elections etc.

Where: Dearborn Hills Golf Course, 1300 Telegraph, just north of Michigan Ave. (313) 563-4653.

When: Saturday January 23, 1999,. Starts at 7:00 PM, lasts 'til about midnight.

Cost: $15.00 (U.S.), or $24.00 (Canadian).

What to Bring: Party attitude.

What to Wear: Dress up, most people wear suits and ties or evening gowns. But if you come in T shirt and jeans, we won't kick you out.

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Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor

Weather. Seems like our driving events succeed or fall on the whims of Mr. Weather. We've been really lucky the past few years, with El Nino giving us dry, if somewhat cool springs and summers and La Nina giving us a warm and dry fall and early winter. So, as chief "Stupid Ride" planner, I'm announcing here and now that next year's Stupid Ride will be the first driving event of the new millennium on January 1, 2000! Start getting those Y2K bugs out of your MGs now!

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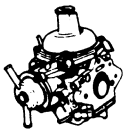

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By Dave Doolin, President

If you don't plan on Hibernating this winter, get your tickets now for the Hibernation Party. This is the premier event of the year for our club, which also has the best turn out. The Dearborn Hills Golf club, food, music and company will be enjoyed by all. You won't be disappointed. Don't miss this!

After the "Stupid Ride" we may want to re-write our charter as a winter driving club, for top down cruising. We are a hardy bunch and we certainly proved it with our ride down Hines Drive in November. Nice work again Ed.

At our November monthly meeting, I introduced our newest member, Alice Ginter, to a standing room only crowd at the Nisbett. Alice is the owner of a '75 B, without an engine. Seems that Alice's engine was being rebuilt at a garage that burned down. You can figure out the rest. Luckily, the B wasn't in the shop. If anyone has a spare engine sitting around, you may be able to find a home for it. Welcome Alice.

Barry Rutheiser brought us up to date on his latest adventure in the purchase of the Austin Healey 3000. Barry finally found a car that actually matched the advertisement. This was not before crisscrossing the country about three times. If you like to travel then searching for a car that meets your expectations may make a great hobby. Nice Healey Barry!

/we had a guest drop in to tell us a little about NAMGAR, which stands for North American MGA Register. Tim Coyne, the NAMGAR chapter coordinator, explained to us the purpose of NAMGAR and invited all MGA owners, potential owners or those just interested in receiving their first class publication at contact the club for more information. If anyone is interested please contact me and I'll pass their address on to you.

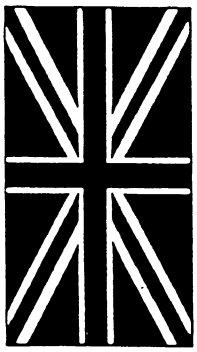
Our December meeting was our annual gift exchange, complete with the Fleming Christmas tree in a box, assembly time 10 seconds or less. Maybe next year we can spring for an ornament for the tree. With an average price of $6.00 per gift, we had a lot of fun commandeering gifts from one another. Jeff Zorn made 3 trips to the tree as each gift that he open was liked more by the person that followed him. The format we followed was that the person that follows you gets to pick from all the prior gifts that have been opened or get one from under the tree. Jeff finally ended up with a beautiful tire gauge.

We met one of our new members Craig Dionne, who was attending his first meeting with us. Craig is the owner of a '70 MGB. Craig's MG is running! Welcome Craig.

Dennis Fergusson showed pictures of his newly purchased MGA/ Dennis will be pulling the engine and transmission this winter for rebuild. Dennis is planning on attending John Twist's annual transmission rebuild clinic with his transmission this winter. I need to do that also one of these years. Hope to see the A back on the road for our annual Kimber Birthday Bash in April.

m Last, but not least we are still looking for a Treasurer for the club. If you can help us out in this position, please contact me or any board member. We also need a Vice President, but my primary concern is filling the Treasurer spot. Please call me with your interest.

Hope you had a nice Holiday and we'll be looking to seeing you on January 23rd!



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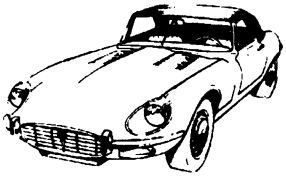

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To run for office (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasure) or to volunteer for one of the non elected offices (Membership, Newsletter Editor, Regalia) just contact one of the current board members, listed in the box on page two of the newsletter.

Chicagoland MG Club's 3rd Annual Swap Meet & Auto Jumble Feb. 28th

Last year a few WDMGC members ventured to Chicago for this big event and had a great time. Lots of new and used parts, accessory items, tools, memorabilia, and just about everything else you'd want for your British car. .

It's in a building with heat! It's not a car show.

For more information call Jim Evans at (630) 858-8192 or Dave Mullis at (630) 916-7358. Or see Ed Fleming at the January monthly meeting.

Mileage Contest Ends Dec 31.

Our first Mileage Contest was going to end November 30th, but with the great top down driving weather lately, we've extended it to December 31st. So call Jeff Zorn at (248) 489-1855 or E-mail him at MGAJeff@aol.com with you final mileage.

We've got a great trophy for the winner waiting to be given out at the Hibernation Party Jan. 23rd.

New Club E-mail Address

Speaking of E-mail addresses, the Windsor-Detroit MG Club has one. Our new address on the information highway is WDMGCC@HOTMAIL.com

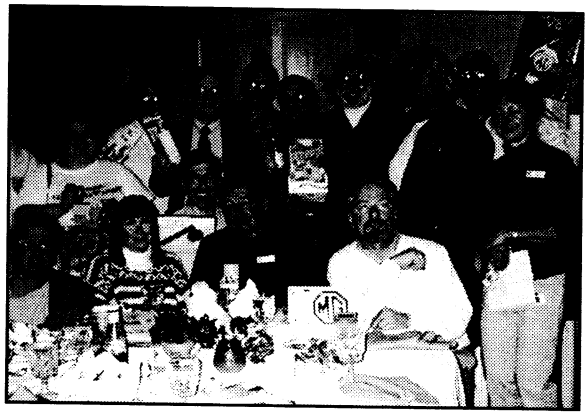

Photo Story: W-DMGC members show off their Christmas gifts at the December monthly meeting at the Botsford Inn. And there wasn't a quart of Castrol anywhere. A pint of Old Speckled Hen ale but no 20W50 this year.

Hibernation Party Order Form

Sign me (us) up for a great time at the Windsor-Detroit MG Club Hibernation party, Jan. 23, 1999 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State/Province_____Zip/Postal Code_____

Phone Number (_____) _____

Number Attending_____

Dinner Selections for each person:

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3._____

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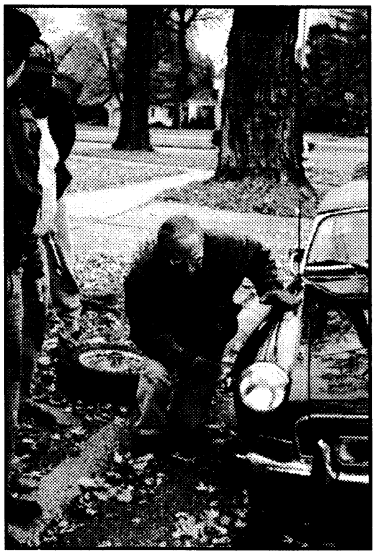
Dinner Selections

A. New York (or Abingdon) Strip Steak
B. Orange (or is that Blaze Red?) Roughy
C. Marinated (Old Speckeled Hen) Chicken

All dinners come with Michigan Theme Salad, Oven Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, and Cherry Covered Cheese Cake. You choose the meat.



Photos: Top, Left to Right: George Hameline with his GT and "Whimps Anonymas" sign, **Jeff Zorn** works on the flat while other members stand around, **Marcia Greiner and Fran Coulter** making "vroom, vroom" sounds at the museum. **Bottom:** The long line of sports cars on Hines Dr.

Not As Stupid As We Planned

I guess you could say I was the perfect person to put on our first "Stupid Ride". After all I won the first "Loose Nut" award after showing up at Michigan Imports with the top down on the Midget in February, in the snow! That was in a past life. I now park the Midget for a few months in the middle of the winter.

Still, when we first planned the "Stupid Ride" it seemed like the middle of November would be a pretty stupid time of year to take your MG out for a top down drive. But, as has been the case all year, the weather turned out to be pretty nice. Really nice for the middle of November! Temperatures were in the mid 50s (low teens C.)

We had 16 people in eleven cars show up. Hardy souls **Jay Kollin, Tom and Marcia Greiner, Rick Astley, Gary Fischer, Dave Baslaw, Dave, Mark, & Ross Doolin and friend Corban Wilson** and myself. Plus whimps **Marshall and Fran Coulter, Jeff and Jan Zorn and Barry Ruthieser** who drove with their tops up. And **George Hameline** in his GT.

We met at the usual Meijer's parking lot, then headed through downtown Northville to Hines Drive. Except Hines Drive was closed for repaving (this was starting to look like a stupid ride after all). No problem, we just took a slight detour to Northville Road and picked up Hines Drive a couple of miles down the road.

Edward Hines Drive meanders through the Middle Rouge Park, roughly following the twists and turns of the Middle Rouge River, from Northville to Dearborn. It's a nice sports car road with many turns and only six traffic lights in 25 miles. Edward Hines was the Detroit Road Commissioner who had a white line painted down the middle of Woodward Ave with traffic on either side gong in the same direction. So he is the father of the traffic lane.

We had a real caravan going, everyone stayed together along Hines. Until Jeff and Jan Zorn had a flat tire. The

tire was fixed in record time and they and the three cars following them soon caught up to the rest of us and we all arrived at the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn in unison.

A few of us immediately hit the snack bar. A few the rest rooms and then we all toured through the displays at the Hall.

All in all a leisurely Saturday afternoon drive and day at the museum. Not so stupid after all.

Perhaps the only thing stupid about it was that it being the middle of November, I put the Midget away for the winter after that drive and we had another month of great top down MG driving weather after that!

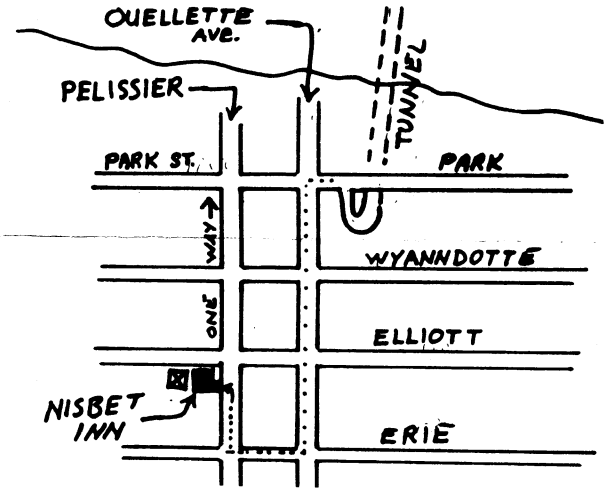
Annual Stratford Trip Already In Planning For June 5th & 6th! Plan To Attend

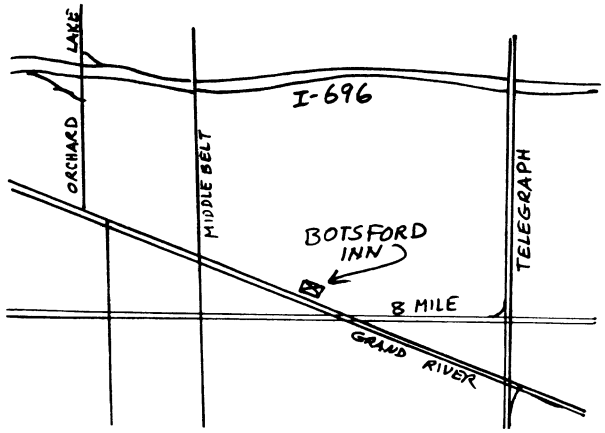
The Stratford Weekend is one of the great club events of the year and you must get your reservations in early to be assured of a seat for the show and a bed to sleep in.

This year's play is West Side Story. Inspired by Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, it revolutionized musical theatre with its dynamic use of modern idioms to tell the tragic story of a native New Yorker and a Puerto Rican immigrant. We haven't decided yet on the matinee or the evening performance. Let Philip Wiltshire know which you'd prefer at (248) 932-0072.

Philip has booked the Westover Inn again, so it will be filled with MG owners. Call them to make your reservations at (519) 284-2977. Make sure you tell them you're from the MG Club, otherwise they may tell you it's filled.

This trip now has manyvariationss; with some of our party traveling to Stratford earlier or staying later to participate in other performances etc. The same applies toaccommodationss and dining: some of you have found bed andbreakfastt places that better suit you needs. Again call Philip and let him know what you'd like to do.





The Windsor-Detroit MG Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Even numbered months at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave. just north of Eight Mile Rd, in Farmington Hills and odd numbered months at the Nisbet Inn, 131 Elliott, West, just west of Ouellette, south of the tunnel. See maps.

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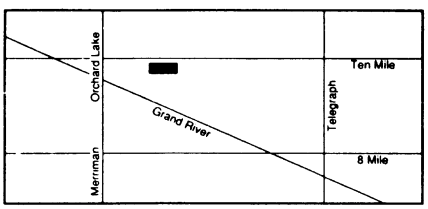

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Jan 1999

Jan 13 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn Windsor

Jan 23 Hibernation Party-Dearborn Golf Club

February 1999

Feb 10 Monthly Meeting-Botsford Inn

Feb 28 Chicagoland MG Club Swap Meet & Auto Jumble (630) 858-8192

March 1999

Mar 10 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

April 1999

Apr 14 Monthly Meeting-Botsford Inn

Apr 25 Kimber Birthday Bash??

May 1999

May 12 Monthly Meeting Nisbet Inn

May ?? Spring Ralleye

June 1999

Jun 5-6 Annual Stratford Trip (West Side Story)

Jun 9 Monthly Meeting-Botsford Inn

July 1999

Jul 7-10 NAMGBR Convention-Vancouver

Jul 14 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

August 1999

Aug 1 Meadowbrook Concours

Aug 11 Monthly Meeting-Botsford Inn

Aug 19-22 University Motors Summer Party?

September 1999

Sep 8 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

Sep ?? Lucas Night Ralleye

October 1999

Oct 13 Monthly Meeting-Botsford Inn

Oct 17 Colour Tour

November 1999

Nov 10 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

December 1999

Dec 8 Monthly Meeting-Botsford Inn-Gift Exchange Night

January 2000

Jan 12 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

Jan?? Hibernation Party-Canadian Side

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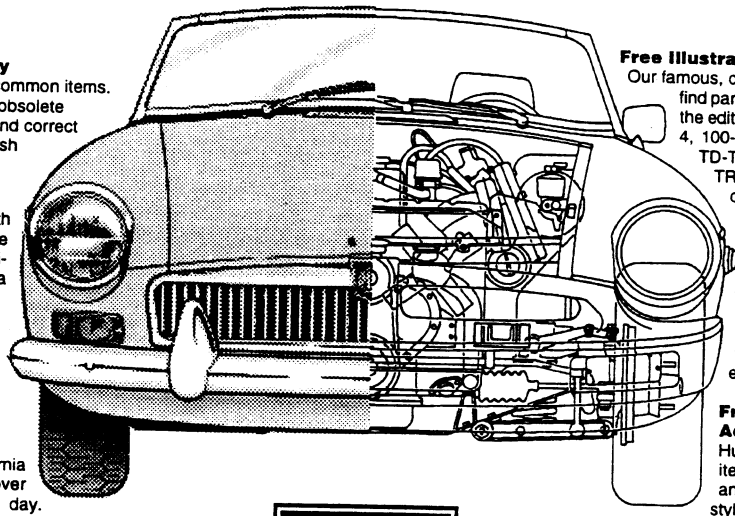

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